

November 14, 2007

Ms. Victoria J. Rutson
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
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Dear Ms. Rutson:

I am a resident of Deer Park, Illinois. My home is less than one mile from the railroad tracks that run through the Barrington/Deer Park/Lake Zurich area.

I recently heard that Canadian National Railway Company has proposed a project that would bring at least 15 more trains per day down those tracks. This announcement alarmed me greatly! I already get loud traffic noise from Route 12. This traffic is so loud that when my son and I tried to sleep in our own tent in our own backyard, we were kept awake and had to go inside to sleep. We also rarely enjoy a summer night's breeze through our bedroom windows because of Route 12 traffic noise. *Our neighborhood already suffers from noise caused by cars, RVs, semi-trucks, and motorcycles; we don't need an onslaught of freight trains creating even more noise pollution.*

This train proposal, if passed, could render a pleasant conversation in my own backyard impossible, and it will significantly depreciate my property value and my family's quality of life. Furthermore, more freight trains on this line will exacerbate congestion in the heart of Barrington Village. This would be devastating to the people who live and work here.

I have been informed that you are personally responsible for reviewing Canadian National Railway Company's proposal. Please do not allow Canadian National to move forward with their plans without regard to the interests of residents in the area that will be adversely and detrimentally affected. Please "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." ***These tracks run too closely to residential homes and will continually disrupt the lives of too many families, commuters, and businesses to be allowed.***

I trust that you and the rest of the Members of the Board will thoroughly review Canadian National's proposal for the deprecating effects it will have on the environment, local businesses, commuter traffic, and residential home values in the affected communities. Please do not approve their proposal. I ask that you find an alternative solution that will not cripple Barrington and surrounding communities, one that will not exacerbate property values, and one that will not disrupt the lives of the people who call this area "home."

Sincerely,



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